

Mason Neck Citizens Association  
Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
7:30pm, August 3, 2005

**Attendees**

<b>Officers</b>	
Marilyn Hildebeidel	President
Bruce Scott	Vice President
Kimberly Kern	Secretary
Chris Shreiner	Treasurer
<b>Board of Directors</b>	
Jerry Lyons	Director
Marvin Miller	Director
Howard Savage	Director
Peter Weyland	Director
<b>Special Guests</b>	
Marcia Hanson	Mt. Vernon District, Lorton Ombudsperson
Director	Gunston Hall
<b>Others Present</b>	
Linwood Gorham	Community Member

----- AGENDA -----

**Monthly MNCA Board Meeting**

----- MEETING NOTES -----

The following items were discussed during the MNCA Board Meeting that convened at 7:30pm at Cranford Methodist Church on Wednesday, August 3, 2005:

**Old Business**

Meeting Minutes – Kimberly Kern

1. Meeting minutes from July Board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Schreiner

1. A check in the amount of \$2000.00 will be presented to Gunston Hall – resulting in a total of \$4778.24 currently available in association funds.

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2. In accordance with association bylaws, finance records were provided to the board for an annual audit.
  - a. Jerry Lyons and Peter Weyland offered to audit the association finance records prior to the September meeting.

#### Committee Reports – Marilyn Hildebeidel

##### 1. River & Roads – Howard Savage

###### a. Traffic Calming

- i. A four-way stop at the intersection of Gunston Road and Old Colchester is being studied by the County Transportation Department. This is not a viable solution for this community.
- ii. A “teardrop” island at the end of Old Colchester on each side of Gunston Road (with stop signs in the middle of the islands will be constructed in early fall 2005. “Stop Ahead” signage will also be added.

###### b. Coordination with VDOT

- i. Construction, poorly marked detours, and the potential safety impacts are major concerns for Mason Neck residents. Residents have to travel through major construction to get their homes. There are only three routes Mason Neck residents can use to get to their homes from Route 1 (Old Colchester, Gunston Road, or Furnace Road) – all routes pose significant safety issues due to traffic/construction issues.
- ii. VDOT is unresponsive to community concerns.
- iii. Marica Hanson will schedule a time to meet at areas of concern with a VDOT representative and MNCA board members; she also mentioned that she would convey concerns to Senator Puller’s office.

###### c. Other Traffic Issues

- i. Directional signage to Mason Neck from 395 should be improved.
    1. Howard should email Marcia Hanson with the correct directions so she can forward to the appropriate department for response (right now, drivers are instructed to get off at Exit 163, not Exit 161... sign should say North US Route 1; South Exit 161/Lorton/Gunston Hall/Mason Neck).
  - ii. VDOT should reconsider the intersection geometry for Gunston LLC development (Jerry Lyons provided a summary of issues and graphic)
  - iii. The light at Old Colchester and Route 1 still has a significant delay and lane marking issues (40 minute wait)
- d. MNCA provided Marcia Hanson with a list of traffic and construction concerns for reference.

##### 2. Environment – TBD

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- a. A Chair is needed for this committee.
3. Land Use - Bruce Scott
- a. Gunston LLC
    - i. MNCA must stay on top of issues and in constant communication with the County to make sure this mistake in zoning will not lead to other adverse impacts on the community.
    - ii. The County needs to take accountability on this issue and identify how this happened and ensure that such a mistake is prevented from taking place in the future.
    - iii. The problem was that the board did not know about the situation until it was too late - MNCA should be made aware of issues that impact Mason Neck in time to make decisions and take action if necessary.
    - iv. Marcia Hanson will forward all communications she receives regarding Mason Neck to the board.
  - b. Gunston Cove Bridge
    - i. No update.
  - c. BRAC Issues
    - i. Marica Hanson provided an updated on BRAC issues and involvement of Supervisor Hyland's office.
    - ii. The board discussed taking a formal position on BRAC and its impact to the Mason Neck community.
    - iii. The board will discuss writing a letter and coordinating with the South County Federation (SCF) at the September board meeting.
4. Education - Carol Corso
- a. No update.
5. Historical - Jerry Lyons/Pam Cressey
- a. Deferred to New Business.
6. Programs - TBD
- a. A Chair is needed for this committee.
7. Public Affairs (Newsletter) - Cynthia Rufty
- a. The next edition of the MNCA newsletter is in progress.
  - b. Committee Chairs should send Cynthia a brief synopsis of committee updates or any other articles for inclusion.
8. Website/List Serve Public Affairs - Peter Weyland

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- a. Several updates were made to the MNCA website since the July board meeting.
  - b. Additional updates discussed include:
    - i. Updating the content of the History of MNCA.
    - ii. Adding SCSS to the list of local schools.
    - iii. Consider increasing font size.
    - iv. Adding new photos of the Mason Neck area.
    - v. Change time on Meeting Schedule list.
    - vi. Add Hot Topics list.
    - vii. Add a temporary text box with board election results on the home page.
    - viii. Add information about September meeting on homepage.
    - ix. Add membership form and information on how to join the association.
9. South County Federation (SCF) – Peter Weyland
- a. This is a critical group with which to remain visible and involved.
  - b. Bruce Scott will serve as the primary representative for MNCA and will attend all meetings. Dave Walker will serve as the secondary representative.
  - c. Other community members should be leveraged for their historical perspective or expertise as appropriate.
  - d. SCF meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. The next SCF meeting is on September 13, 2005 @ 7:30pm. They are usually held at the Lorton Station Elementary School.

### **New Business**

#### Historic District – Pam Cressey

1. Mason Neck Historic District Overlay Update
  - Jerry provided background and an update on efforts to designate portions of Mason Neck as a Historic Overlay District.
  - Marcia Hanson suggested that MNCA review the Comprehensive Plan, as amended, and compare against the Task Force’s Study Report to determine if any updates are required.
    - i. Marcia provided background documentation for the board’s reference.
      1. Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan Amendment documentation.
      2. Mason Neck Overlay District Task Force Study Report (May 1998)
  - The Mason Neck Historic Overlay District Task Force should email Marcia Hanson with request to finalize as proposed.

#### Other

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1. Gunston Hall Appreciation
  - a. A check in the amount of \$2000.00 was presented to the Gunston Hall Director.
  - b. The board requested that the donation be applied to the Gunston Hall Christmas Program with MNCA listed as an official program sponsor.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 7:30pm at Cranford Methodist Church. Board meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of the month. However, a request was made to revisit meeting schedule.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2005. Political candidates will be invited to the September meeting with topic of discussion being impact of BRAC to the Mason Neck community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

### **----- ACTION ITEMS-----**

1. Mail and post on web a letter announcing the 2005-2006 MNCA Board members - Marilyn Hildebeidel
2. Post membership form on website - Chris Schreiner/Peter Weyland
3. Send Cynthia Ruffy brief committee updates for inclusion in the next edition of the MNCA newsletter - All committee chairs
4. Send an email to Marica Hanson with Mason Neck's requests regarding future communications - Bruce Scott
5. Meet with Marica Hanson and VDOT representative to discuss construction/traffic concerns - Howard Savage and other interested board members
6. Email Marcia Hanson regarding traffic issues - Howard Savage
7. Continue to work with Fairfax County to identify next steps for finalizing the Mason Neck Historical Overlay District - Jerry Lyons

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